



Los Angeles County Commission on Local Governmental Services

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MINUTES

August 2, 2005 Meeting
500 West Temple Street
Sybil Brand Conference Room 372
Los Angeles, California 90012

Chairperson
Richard J. Rosenthal, CRE
Vice-Chairperson
Patricia G. Gray
Wendy M. Brogin, A.I.C.P.
Walter P. Coombs
Shana E. Epstein
Gordon Gray
Rodrigo A. Guerra, Jr.
Algird Leiga
Sharon Martinez
Deborah H. O'Connor
Erin K. Pak
Matthew J. Parlow
Angela J. Reddock
Kenneth D. Rozell
William Selditz
David Spence
Benjamin "Frank" Venti

Chairperson Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 7, 2005 MINUTES

On motion of Chairperson Rosenthal, seconded by Commissioner Gordon Gray, the Commission unanimously approved the June 7, 2005 Minutes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Rosenthal reported:

- Commissioner Erin K. Pak is the newly appointed Commissioner representing the Second Supervisorial District. Commissioner Pak stated she is happy to be a member of the Commission.
- The June 22, 2005 Justice Board Deputies meeting covered 911 cellular studies and how the Sheriff's Department seemed reluctant to get involved. Board Deputies decided to invite a Sheriff's Department representative to attend a future meeting.
- The Sheriff's Department stated the pilot project will begin in October 2005 in the City of Industry. The Sheriff Department has asked the State for \$1 million for start up costs of the project.
- Commissioner Tippit resigned from the Commission and Supervisor Burke's office is in the process of filling the vacancy.

UPDATE ON THE "911" RESPONSE SYSTEM

On behalf of Ella Sotelo, 911 County Coordinator, staff reported the State 9-1-1 Wireless Program is currently working with Long Beach Police Department (PD) to determine if they will begin deployment or be on an indefinite hold. If put on hold, the sectors previously identified as going to Long Beach PD as Phase 2 will be routed to California Highway Patrol (CHP) as Phase 2. Currently these sectors are Phase 0 calls being answered by CHP. Ms. Sotelo is expecting a reply by August 12, 2005.

UPDATE ON GATEWAY TO SOLUTIONS PROJECT WITH CALTRANS

Wilford Melton, Senior Transportation Planner, Caltrans, reported the Gateway Solutions response letters will be mailed out in the first week of August. The Maintenance Department responded to the letters. Mr. Melton stated it took a long time to prepare the letters due to internal requirements. Mr. Melton stated now he has the support of the management and the process is moving forward. Chairperson Rosenthal expressed his happiness to Mr. Melton regarding the response letters. Chairperson Rosenthal requested Mr. Melton to address a letter to the Commission explaining the entire procedure. Commissioner Guerra asked about the content of the letters. Mr. Melton stated the letters were divided into 9 different categories and advised a number of issues initially raised by the cities may have been resolved. Also, the

regional manager's contact information is included in the response letters for further assistance as needed.

STUDY COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE STATUS REPORT

Vice-Chairperson Gray expressed the Commission's desire to work jointly with the office of Laura Chick, City Controller, City of Los Angeles regarding Real Estate parcels in the County/City with opportunities for cost effective and joint control of parcels. Chairperson Rosenthal requested Commissioner Parlow inquire if the City of Los Angeles is interested in a joint venture with the County in Public Real Estate projects.

Chairperson Rosenthal stated the City of Los Angeles involvement is critical to the success of Taxi Cab study. Taxi service in the City of Los Angeles is very poor, e.g. "Banded Cabs"; the definition outside the City setting is no license/permit and driving around other jurisdictions. The definition inside the City setting is duly licensed in one jurisdiction and picking up passengers in unauthorized jurisdiction. Revenue is the issue in these jurisdictions. Areas with multiple jurisdictions e.g. Virginia, Maryland, and Washington D.C. have established a standard Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) addressing revenue sharing, licensing, safety, tourism and lodging.

In response to Commissioner Leiga, Chairperson Rosenthal stated any potential change affecting the territory of any company's business leads to resistance. Commissioner Leiga inquired as to whether cities are preempted by the state from licensing of the driver and safety of the cabs. Chairperson Rosenthal stated licensing and safety are local issues and the County is allowed to cover costs for licensing and regulation, but not allowed to generate revenue.

Commissioner Pak reported the City of Los Angeles performed a study on Taxi Commission issues concerning safety and customer service 6 years ago; however, Ms. Pak is uncertain if the recommendations were implemented but mentioned taxi drivers were required to attend a "Sensitivity Training" course. Chairperson Rosenthal stated the Commission's goal is to elevate this issue on a regional level. Chairperson Rosenthal asked Commissioner Parlow to contact the City of Los Angeles to determine if they're interested in conducting a taxi cab study.

Commissioner Coombs contacted Jack Sullivan an expert in Water resources and issues. Mr. Sullivan is a professor at Pitzer College and is working with the California League of Women Voters on water related issues. Chairperson Rosenthal stated the issue is the proliferation of the Special Districts without any type of oversight and the goal is to consolidate and eliminate unnecessary services in water districts. Vice-Chairperson Gray stated water is critical to new developments. Commissioner Coombs stated there is a 17% increase on water services. Commissioner Venti stated the public is unaware as to how Special Water Districts conduct their business.

Chairperson Rosenthal suggested contacting the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and offer the Commission's assistance in a particular project as needed. Commissioner Spence concurred and added sending letters to SCAG Executive Directors may be a better suited option for the Commission to undertake.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A FUTURE MEETING)

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Gordon Gray
Patricia Gray
Rodrigo A. Guerra, Jr.
Algird Leiga
Deborah H. O' Connor
Erin K. Pak
Matthew Parlow
Richard Rosenthal
Kenneth Rozell
David Spence
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MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Wendy Brogin
Shana Epstein
Sharon Martinez
William Selditz

STAFF

Peter Papadakis
Garen Khachian

GUESTS

Wilford Melton, Senior Transportation Planner, Caltrans
Ron Morales, Analyst, Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office